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(Sole Inventor - Priority Claimed)**

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated near my name below; that I believe I am the original, and first inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the above captioned United States patent application and any amendment thereto filed herewith; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of this application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my prior provisional application Serial No. 60/243,830, filed 10/27/2000. I hereby further declare: that as to the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application which is common to said prior application, that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns except as follows: NONE.

Further, I hereby declare: that as to the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application which is **not** common to said prior application, I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before my invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information to the Office of which I am aware which is material to patentability of this

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of said prior applications and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in said prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of said prior applications and the filing date of this application.

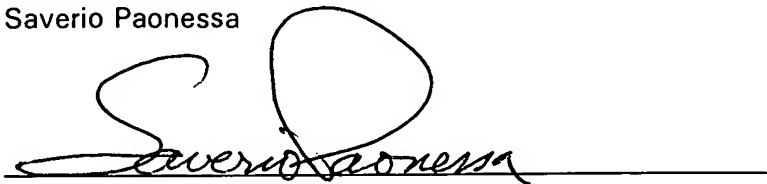
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